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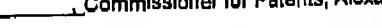
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ABSTRACT

A pad for use with a continent ostomy port includes a body portion having an internal wall defining an aperture appropriately sized to place around a stoma. The body portion is sized and shaped for placement against a user's skin beneath a face plate of an ostomy port and is formed of a material to cushion and protect the skin from contact with the face plate. The body portion has a stepped configuration of at least two distinct levels on a distal surface thereof, including a first level and a second level, the first level having a perimeter sized and shaped to fit within a perimeter of a face plate lip, and the second level extending parallel to the first level and having a perimeter extending beyond the perimeter of the first level, beneath the lip of the plate, to thereby protect the user's skin from friction irritation.

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